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USDOC FOR DIBA (HERB SOCKS AND WILLIAM VAN ROBERTSON)

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SUBJECT: MYSTERY TRADE MISSIONS TO IRAQ

1. COMATT KILLOUGH RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE MARCH 24 FROM MONAT UNIVERSAL TRAVEL IN WASHINGTON DC WHICH REFERRED TO DISCUSSION WITH HERB SOCKS AND WENT ON ASK QUOTE ASSISTANCE FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR ARNOLD HELLEWELL APRIL 7 - 13 PART OF TRADE MISSION STOPPING OFF BAGHDAD ENROUTE TO JOIN MISSION UNQUOTE.

2. PLEASE TELL UNIVERSAL TRAVEL THAT USINT WOULD APPRECIATE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HELLEWELL VISIT AND MISSION OF WHICH HE IS PART. WHAT IS PROBLEM WITH HOTEL? WE CAN ARRANGE RESERVATION AT CARLTON HOTEL NEXT DOOR TO USINT, BUT IF HELLEWELL DOES NOT APPEAR, WE WOULD BE PRESENTED A BILL.

3. USINT WAS VISITED MARCH 27 BY AMCINT SABIH ALI OF THE CHARTER COMPANY, 208 LAURA STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA WHO INFORMED US HIS FIRM HAD ORGANIZED ELEVEN MAN MISSION TO BAGHDAD APRIL 5 - 11. GROUP INCLUDES SUBH FIRMS AS CODELL CONTRACTING CO., WRIGHT CONTRACTING COMPANY, GMC AND HOLIDAY INN. SINT HAS BEEN ASKED ONLY TO GIVE GROUP A BRIEFING. OTHER OARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE BY SABIH ALI THROUGH HIS RELATIVES IN BAGHDAD.
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IS CHARTER COMPANY MISSION SAME AS OR DIFFERENT FROM ONE

ARNOLD HELLEWELL ASSOCIATED WITH? SABIH ALI SURPRISED
USINT HAD RECEIVED NO WORD OF HIS MISSION AS HE SAID HIS
FIRM HAD BRIEFED STATE ABOUT IT.

4. ADVISE.
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